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(ii) there would be no inspection of vessels by customs officers at customs jetty before issue/renewal of fishing passes; and

(iii) the passes would be issued at the place provided by the Association of Panaji at the jetty at Panaji.

Irregularities in assessment orders of Indian Express (Bombay) Private Limited

2282. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Free Press Journal of 13th and 14th October, 1992 wherein the Income Tax Authorities have pointed out serious discrepancies and irregularities in the Assessment Orders for the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90, relating to Indian Express (Bombay) Private Limited ;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the said statement and found the same to be correct;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken against the company in question; and

(d) if no, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Yes, sir. The Government is aware of the subject report which is entirely based on the findings of the income-tax authorities themselves in the relevant assessment orders;

(b) Does not arise, as the subject report itself is based on the enquiries already conducted by the income-tax authorities themselves;

(c) Does not arise, as the subject report is based only on the action already taken by the income-tax authorities in the form of making additions to the returned income, and the assessments are subject matter of appeal; and

(d) Does not arise.

Loans taken by Express Ground

2283. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Express Group had taken huge loans from the Public Sector banks and Financial Institutions;

(b) whether Government are aware that the money in question is not safe because of the internal feuds and mismanagement of the group; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to safeguard the money of the banks and financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) In accordance with the provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions and also the provisions of the public Financial Institutions (Obligations as to fidelity and secrecy) Act, 1983 and practices and usages customary amongst bankers, banks and financial institutions cannot divulge information relating to their individual constituents. However, the State Bank of India, who have financed this group, have reported that in view of the family dispute, it is keeping the accounts of the companies under close monitoring.

उत्तर प्रदेश में नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी के मामले

2284. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी के कितने मामले प्रति वर्ष पकड़े गये और उनमें पकड़े गये नशीले पदार्थों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस संबंध में कितने मामले तैयार किये गये; और

(ग) पकड़े गये नशीले पदार्थों के निपटान के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1989, 1990 तथा 1991 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में स्वापक औषधों की तस्करी के मामलों की संख्या क्रमशः 1250,566 तथा 1088 है।

पकड़े गए स्वापक औषधों का ब्यौरा (किलोग्राम में) निम्न प्रकार है :—

	1989	1990	1991
अफीम	201	166	71
मारफीन	6	2	1
हेरोइन	34	13	10
गांजा	1202	89	957
हशीश	902	475	187
कोकीन	—	—	—
मेथाक्वालोन	4	—	0.250

(ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 1989, 1990 तथा 1991 में शुरू किए गए अभियोजनों की संख्या क्रमशः 647, 618 तथा 1584 है। इनमें पिछले वर्षों में पता लगे मामले भी शामिल हैं।

(ग) कथित वर्षों में उत्तर प्रदेश में पकड़े गए नशीले पदार्थों का कोई निपटान नहीं किया गया। कानून के अनुसार, इन्हें जब्त करने वाली सम्बंधित एजेंसी द्वारा अदालत के आदेश प्राप्त करने के बाद नष्ट किया जाता होता है।

Income-tax relief to domestic companies making supplies for Export Production

2285. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Govt's consideration to grant some income-tax relief to domestic companies making supplies for export production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under Government's consideration at present to grant any income-tax relief to domestic companies making supplies for export production. Under the existing provisions of the Income-tax Act supporting manufacturers supplying goods to recognised Export House or Trading House can claim deduction under section 80HHC to the extent the Export House disclaims the tax concession due to it.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Amount deployed by Public Sector Undertakings in standard Chartered Bank

2286. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated amount deployed by the Public Sector Undertakings in Stanchart, so far;

(b) whether the amount deployed was in violation of banking rules and norms; and

(c) if so, the circumstances under which the PSUs deployed the funds in Stanchart in violation of the rules ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) As per the information furnished to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the Standard Chartered Bank, the following amounts were deployed by public sector undertakings during 1991 and 1992 (upto June, 1992) under the Port-